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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF SECOND DAY OF NPG MEETING, APRIL 19,
1978, FREDERIKSHAVN, DENMARK

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1. THE APRIL 20 DANISH PRESS REPORTED ON THE FINAL DAY OF
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THE NPG MEETING AND COMMUNIQUE FOCUSING ON THE RECOMMENDA-
TION THAT A DECISION NOT TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON WEAPON SHOULD
DEPEND ON SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REDUCTIONS IN BOTH
NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

2. MOST PAPERS QUOTED DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER POUL SOGAARD'S
STATEMENT THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A LOT OF NEW INFORMATION FROM

DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE NUCLEAR BALANCE BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR. SOGAARD'S PRAISE FOR THE FORTH-RIGHT MANNER IN WHICH BROWN HAD DISCUSSED US POLICY RECEIVED PROMINENT TREATMENT. SAID SOGAARD: "HIS STATEMENTS REFLECTED THE INCREASED FEELING OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE NATO-PARTNERS AND THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO ITS NATO ALLIES".

3. THE INTELLECTUAL-LEFTIST INFORMATION HEADLINED "NEUTRON BOMB NOT DECEIVE". IT QUOTED WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS SECRETARY BROWN'S RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON WHAT POSSIBLE EFFECT PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO POSTPONE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON MIGHT HAVE ON THE WESTERN DETERRENT. "NUCLEAR ARMS NOW DEPLOYED IN EUROPE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE DETERRENT EFFECT. AN ATTACK WOULD BE AT THE RISK OF A COUNTERATTACK WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT IS A TACTICAL RESPONSE WHICH WOULD ENTAIL THE GREAT POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING STRATEGICALLY. THE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON WOULD AFFORD US BETTER POSSIBILITIES BUT IT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE EFFECT OF DETERRENCE". (ABOVE IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM DANISH).

4. SOME PAPERS SAW THE MEETING AS A "NONEVENT". MOST, HOWEVER, POINTED TO SECRETARY BROWN AS THE "START OF THE MEETING, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN DEFENSE MINISTER SOGAARD'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

5. DANISH TELEVISION CARRIED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY BROWN ON PRIME TIME APRIL 19 BUT TOO LATE FOR PICK-UP BY NEWS-UNCLASSIFIED

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PAPERS. QUESTIONING FOCUSED ON RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO POSTPONE PRODUCTION OF ERW. THOSE WHO SAW THE INTERVIEW EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY BROWN EXPLAINED THE US POSITION AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS. (TEXT OF INTERVIEW WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.)
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